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In re the Application of

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For: FLAME-RETARDED PLASTIC COMPOSITION, YARN AND TEXTILE
STRUCTURE COATED THEREWITH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 37 to page 4, line 5, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

According to the invention, this compatibility is obtained when the plastisol exhibits, at low shear rates, for example less than $300 - 400 \text{ s}^{-1}$, Newtonian-type behavior with a viscosity of less than or equal to 6000 mPa.s, measured using a Brookfield RVT viscometer at 20 revolutions per minute, and, at high shear rated, for example greater than $10\,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$, pseudoplastic-type behavior.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7, 9 and 11-13 as follows:

(Amended) A flame-retarded composite yarn comprising a core made of a material of low combustibility, for example a halogen-free material, and a sheath made of resin, characterized in that it is capable of being obtained by coating said core with the flame-retarded composition as claimed in claim 1.